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SUBJECT: US OFFER TO HOST 1979 UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED US OFFER TO HOST UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT WITH MFA/IO ACTING DIRECTOR
RUDOFISKY, AS REQUESTED REFTELS, ON OCTOBER 18. RUDOFISKY
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT USG AND GOA WOULD BE IN "FRIENDLY COMPETI-
TION" FOR CHANCE TO HOST CONFERENCE BUT SAID AUSTRIA HOPED,
IF IT LOST, THAT SECOND MEETING OF UN OUTERSPACE COMMITTEE
AS YET UNSCHEDULED WOULD BE HELD IN 1977 WITH AUSTRIA AS
HOST. MEANWHILE, GOA WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORT TO GET UN
CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT SINCE
IT WAS DEFINITELY ON UN AGENDA.

2. RUDOFISKY SAID GOA APPRECIATED US INTEREST IN
HOSTING CONFERENCE IN LIGHT OF US INITIATIVES AT
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SPECIAL UNGA LAST YEAR, ITS ROLE AS PRINCIPAL

NEGOTIATOR VIS-A-VIS LDC'S, AND ALSO POSSIBLY FOR REASONS RELATED TO INFORMING AND EDUCATING AMERICAN PUBLIC AND CONGRESS. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT MEXICO CITY, WITH LDC ASSISTANCE, WAS POWERFUL CONTENDER AS CONFERENCE HOST AND AUSTRIANS THEREFORE THOUGHT VIENNA HAD REASONABLE CHANCE OF BEING SELECTED AS COMPROMISE VENUE.

3. RUDOLFSKY SAID GOA WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE BECAUSE SUBSTANCE CLEARLY FIT INTO AUSTRIAN CONCEPT OF VIENNA AND DONAU PARK AS CENTER FOR UN ACTIVITIES IN THESE AND CLOSELY RELATED FIELDS. FOR SAME REASON, GOA HOPED FAVORABLE RESPONSES UN/SYG WAS RECEIVING FROM LDC'S ON PROPOSED SECOND MEETING OF OUTERSPACE COMMITTEE IN 1977 WOULD OVERCOME APPARENT RELUCTANCE OF US AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO HOLD SUCH MEETING.BUCHANAN

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